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TAX SHORTAGES STEADILY MOUNTING

Rowan Tax Rate 4th Lowest In North Carolina

ONLY 3 OTHER COUNTIES HAVE A LOWER RATE

Commissioners Cut Rate From 85 To 57, Representing Reduction of 28 Cents.

BIGGEST SAVING IS FOUND IN CUTS IN SCHOOL LEVIES

Debt Service Rate Has Increased; Average Reduction 33 Per Cent; Brunswick County Is Highest With \$2.00.

Rowan county has the fourth lowest tax rate in the state, according to figures released by the North Carolina tax commission.

The tax rate for the county is 57 cents on the \$100 valuation. In 1930 the tax rate was 85 cents. This represents a reduction of 28 cents.

The report of the tax commission represented 83 of the state's 100 counties. Cleveland, Currituck and Forsyth are the counties having a lower rate. The highest rate was fixed by Brunswick county with \$2.00.

The average tax reduction was 33 cents on the \$100.00 valuation. The biggest slicing was effected in the smaller counties. The reductions were made possible through the enactment of several measures by the 1931 legislature.

The county wide tax rate of 1931 as compared with 1930 rates are as follows:

Total County-Wide Rate

County	1931	1930	Dec.
Alamance	113	143	30
Alexander	100	115	15
Alleghany	80	107	27
Anson	100	130	30
Ashe	145	150	05
Avery	150	177	27
Beauford	120	147	27
Bladen	119	124	05
Brunswick	200	200	—
Burke	82	106	24
Cabarrus	63	100	37
Caldwell	88	110	22
Camden	88	144	56
Carteret	170	216	46
Caswell	115	155	40
Catawba	95	123	28
Chatham	100	122	22
Cherokee	96	128	32
Chowan	125	128	03
Cleveland	50	73	25
Craven	160	190	30
Cumberland	103	143	40
Currituck	49	129	80
Dare	183	193	'10
Davidson	65	135	70
Duplin	145	170	25
Durham	85	110	25
Edgecombe	85	110	25
Forsyth	50	60	10
Franklin	112	133	21
Graham	103	150	47
Granville	94	138	44
Greene	115	160	45
Guilford	64.4	79.4	15
Halifax	75	125	50
Haywood	107	129	22
Henderson	105	155	50
Hertford	101	164	63
Hoke	80	104	24
Iredell	103	130	27
Jackson	136	164	32
Johnson	130	175	45
Jones	150	190	20
Lee	77	107	30
Lenoir	62	122	30
Lincoln	96	126	30
Macon	121	140	19
Madison	155	205	50
Martin	129	134	05
McDowell	95	135	40
Mecklenburg	58	85	27
Mitchell	144	187	43
Montgomery	125	160	35
Moore	73	105	32
Nash	85	125	40
New Hanover	79	105	26
Northampton	90	130	40

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GOOD MORNING

HOME

HOME—a world of strife shut out; a world of love shut in.

HOME—the place where the great are small and the small are great.

HOME—the father's kingdom, the child's paradise and the mother's world.

HOME—the place where we grumble most and are treated best.

HOME—the center of affection, around which our heart's best wishes twine.

HOME—a place where our stomachs get three square meals daily, and our hearts a thousand.

HOME—the only place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of love.

KNOWS MEN

He: "I'll never forget you."

She: "I'll tell you something that will make you forget me."

He: "What is it?"

She: "Tomorrow is my birthday."

GOOD REASON

Sam—Why did you tip that girl so much when she gave you your coat?

Henry—Look at the coat she gave me!

POINTED FAREWELL

Stenographer: "How did you get that scratch on your cheek?"

Second Typewriter Tickler: "When I said good-bye to the boss at the office he had a pen behind his ear."

THERE ALL THE TIME

School ma'am: "Emulate George Washington."

Dusky lad (from the rear of the room): "No'm, I wasn't late, I've been here all de time."

ILLUMINATION

By Arthur Guiteman

When I am dead,

What I have felt so long

My soul shall know

In clearer, purer light;

That where I loathed

And hated, I was wrong;

That where I loved

And pitied, I was right.

From The American Hebrew.

A correspondent sends in a number of quaint epitaphs from a collection made by Susan Darling Safford. Here is pithy one:

Within this grave do lie,

Back to back my wife and I

When the last trump the air shall fill,

If she gets up I'll just lie still.

MONA LISA

For centuries these changeless eyes

Have kept

A grave and quiet mockery, and

The slow

Ironic smile of women who

Have wept.

And agonized, and come at last

To know

That one heart's anguish is a

Little thing;

They hold a sombre pity

For the fears

Of men, the winds of destiny

Will fling

Like motes of dust upon the

Wheeling years;

They know that vast lies will

Outlive the earth;

That flaming beauty, worshipped once

And loved,

Dies out of mind, like rain on

Drifted sands;

They see death swallow like a

Hound on birth;

And look on all—inscrutable,

Unmoved,

As when they looked on

Da-Vinci's hands.

FLOY DAVIS LAIRD,
THE HARP—

He that studieth revenge, keepeth

his own wounds green.

H. E. ODDIE SUES MOTHER'S ESTATE FOR 25,000 DOLLARS, ALLEGING BREACH OF CONTRACT AND SERVICES RENDERED

Suit for \$25,000 for breach of contract and services rendered has been instituted in the superior court here by H. E. Oddie against Lewis I. Cauble, administrator of Sarah C. Oddie, deceased.

Mr. Oddie, a son of the late Sarah C. Oddie who died March 12 at the advanced age of 87 years, alleges in his complaint that his mother on various and sundry occasions had stated that he was to have all of her property, of every kind and description, at the time of her death for taking care of her for a period of 28 years.

Mrs. Oddie's estate is estimated at \$32,628.18, consisting chiefly of stocks, bonds, notes, etc.

The plaintiff is represented by P. S. Carlton, attorney. The complaint is a lengthy document and contains nine typewritten pages. As yet, an answer has not been filed.

At the time of Mrs. Oddie's death, eight children survived, the complainant states.

The complaint further alleges:

That shortly after the death of her husband in 1901, his mother, the late Sarah C. Oddie proposed to plaintiff that if plaintiff would stay with her as long as she lived and wait on her and look after her and her property, nurse her in case of sickness, then at her death she would give plaintiff all the property she owned; that plaintiff, relying on said promise of his mother, accepted her proposition and remained with her, looked after her and her property, waited on her, cooked for her and prepared her meals and nourishment, and nursed her through many cases of sickness until her death.

The complaint further alleges that Mrs. Oddie for a long period of time was sufferer from cancer and required constant attention and service. Other members of the family, brothers and sisters of the plaintiff, had refused to wait upon their mother upon her husband's death, the complaint avers.

The plaintiff also took care of an invalid brother for five or six years until his death upon his mother's request, the complaint further states.

The final paragraph, number 18, says:

"That by reason of the failure of the defendant's intestate to comply with her contract as hereinbefore set out, and in consideration of the long and continuous period of service rendered by the plaintiff to defendant's intestate, at her request and upon her express agreement to compensate plaintiff by giving plaintiff all of her property at her death, the plaintiff has been damaged and is entitled to recover for services rendered, the sum of \$25,000, which said sum is not subject to any credit set-off or counterclaim whatsoever."

Mrs. Oddie, plaintiff's mother, died without making a will.

The Oddie family resides on the Stokes Ferry road, several miles below Dunn's mountain.

Who's Who In Rowan

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